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Be prepared for an earthquake!

Participate in the Great Idaho Shake out!



Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.
— Albert Einstein



Safety Tip of the Month: Stay Safe This Semester

Going off to college or university is a freeing and fun-loving time for many young adults, but it can also be a dangerous environment. Below are some tips on ways to keep yourself safe while on our campuses.

- 1. Carry a bright flashlight.** And keep it on you at all times. If you're walking across campus at night, then you can potentially disarm an attacker by shining a bright flashlight in their eyes. Allowing you time to run away for help. It's also good to have in case of a power outage or just to check your surroundings when walking in the dark on campus or around town.
- 2. Do NOT use headphones when walking around campus.** When you're walking around, plugged into your music, you become less aware of your surroundings. Someone could easily sneak up on you if you're too tuned into your technology to notice what's happening around you.
- 3. Always have a buddy.** No matter where you are, and no matter how safe a campus claims to be, avoid walking alone at night. If you have a class later in the evening, try to find a friend who is in that class with you that lives in the same general area that can accompany you to your class.
- 4. Carry a whistle or pepper spray with you.** That's another way to disarm a potential attacker and catch attention of campus security or someone else who can help you out of a dangerous encounter. You may roll your eyes as your parents hand you that pink pepper spray or that shiny, chrome whistle on a necklace, but you will thank them when it saves your life.
- 5. If you don't know anyone at a party, it's best to leave.** You should always have a buddy, as we mentioned above, and if that buddy is ready to leave the party at 10 o'clock, then you should be leaving as well. There should be at least one person you know and trust at the party, otherwise, you should leave. Even if the other people there seem like the sweetest people, you still don't know them. It's better to be safe than sorry. So leave the party when your friends do.

6. Use your locks! Just because you're living in a dorm environment that feels safe because your RA lives in the next room doesn't mean that you shouldn't lock your door every time you leave. Even when you're inside the room, lock the door to prevent your hall mates drunk friend from potentially sneaking in out of confusion. It saves you embarrassment, even potential danger, and it saves your belongings as well. While we make it a priority to keep you safe, it is still up to you to be an active participant in your own safety.

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Courtesy of ISU's Department of Public Safety

Welcome!

Welcome to Idaho State University as we begin a new school year! We hope you enjoy your time here and have a rewarding and successful year.



The Department of Public Safety is here to support you any way we can. Here at Idaho State University, the safety and security of our students, faculty and staff - as well as the university's campuses in general - is our mission. The professionals in the Department of Public Safety cooperate with several other individuals and organizations on and around all of our campuses to help us accomplish our mission.

The Department of Public Safety is located on the corner of 5th and Humbolt. It is handicap accessible and has on-line permit purchasing available, which allows us to enhance our customer service goals for you to obtain parking permits or Bengal Card ID's efficiently. The Department of Public Safety provides a comprehensive program of security, crime prevention, fire safety and emergency preparedness services to help ensure our university campuses remains safe and pleasant places, conducive to a learning environment.

Idaho State University continues to be extremely proud of its campus safety record. Nevertheless, safety depends, to a large extent, on the cooperation and involvement of each campus community. Each of us must assume a personal responsibility by taking precautions to prevent becoming a victim.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to report crimes and suspicious activities immediately to Public Safety at 208-282-2515 or 2911 (in the event of an emergency dial 911). Calls are answered 24-hours a day by a trained Communications Dispatcher. The Department of Public Safety maintains direct telephone contact with the police, fire, and ambulance services near each campus to ensure prompt assistance from these agencies when needed.

For your safety, all exterior doors to all residence halls are secured 24 hours - 7 days per week. Please lock your room doors and refrain from pegging or propping doors as this affects everyone's right to be safe on campus. It may appear inconvenient, but remember, this is for everyone's safety. Although we consider our community to be a safe one, being careless or inconsiderate of others only invites trouble.

We provide emergency preparedness information through our newsletters, bulletin board messages, presentations and display boards. Take some time to read through this information to help you be aware of the hazards we may face and how to be prepared for them.

You can find more information on our website at: <https://www.isu.edu/publicsafety/>

Have a great year!

Special points of interest:

- Welcome Back Orange and Black, August 20 4pm-7pm, Old Town Pocatello
- September is National Preparedness Month. Visit the Ready.gov website for more information.
- Bengal Wednesday—Come by the SUB/Rendezvous 1st Wednesday of each month at noon to get Bengal gear.
- Part-Time & Intern Job Fair, Wednesday, August 29 in the Pond SUB Ballroom 9am-1pm
- Mark your calendars: Homecoming Week 2018 is September 24-29, 2018. Show your Bengal pride and celebrate Idaho State with fellow alumni, students, faculty and friends.
- Homecoming Parade and Football Game, Saturday, September 29 (ISU vs. Northern Arizona).

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September is National Preparedness Month

Disasters can and will happen any-time and anywhere. The nation is currently experiencing wildfires in the west and the outlook is that they will continue into November.

The heat we've seen across the nation this summer is setting records in many cities and states and follows on the heels of our four warmest years on record (2012, 2015, 2016, and 2017).

National Preparedness Month (NPM), observed annually in September, is an opportune time for individuals, families, organizations, workplaces, and schools to review, update, and/or create emergency preparedness plans.

Check out the ISU Public Safety website for information on how to be prepared for any emergency.
<https://www.isu.edu/publicsafety/emergency-management/>



And check out the ready.gov link on how to make a plan: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

ISU Alerts Emergency Notification System

What is ISU Alerts?

ISU Alerts is an emergency notification system for quickly delivering phone, text and email messages to Idaho State University students, faculty and staff when there is an emergency.

What kind of notifications will you send, and when?

The ISU Alerts system will be used to notify students, faculty and staff of unforeseen events and emergencies on campus, such as:

- Severe Weather
- Campus closures
- Evacuations
- Critical Situations
- Serious Crimes

The system will be activated when there are immediate threats to the health or safety of those in the university community. Notifications will be sent via land-line phones, cell phones, text messages and email.

ISU Alerts complements other forms of emergency notification, such as the siren system, public address systems, university website, university Facebook, and university Twitter.

To sign up for ISU Alerts:

1. Log in to [BengalWeb](#)
1. On the home page under ISU Alerts, select **ISU Emergency Notification System**
2. Verify your information, making sure to **add the cell phone numbers and email addresses you want notified.**

That's it! It's that easy. If you need assistance or have any questions, call us at (208) 282-2515 or 2911.



Fire Safety—On-Campus Living and Working

Who to contact - In the event of a fire: immediately call 911, then call Public Safety at 208-282-2515 or 2911, or emergency@isu.edu.

Know where your emergency exits are for your building. Know alternate exit routes just in case one is blocked.

Learn where smoke alarms and pull stations are located in your building.

No Smoking- Fires from smoking related products are a cause of many fires.

Minimize extension cords, if they are allowed, and use power strips and extension cords with UL approval only. Don't hide extension cords under rugs.

Actively participate in fire drills. While they do interrupt your sleep, class or work, they may save your life in the event of an emergency.

Fire extinguishers- know where the fire extinguishers are located on your floor, wing, or office. If you would like to learn to use them contact Public Safety at 208-282-2515 or 2911.



Training Opportunities



Public Safety is available to provide active shooter survival training to individual departments, divisions and clubs. Ideally, this can be accomplished in a 15-20 minute presentation during regularly scheduled department, division or club meetings. After the presentation, a walk-through can be conducted of specific offices, classrooms, areas or buildings to discuss escape routes and barricade options.

The Rave Guardian App is a free and optional personal safety app available to ISU students, faculty, and staff who have an isu.edu login. Rave Guardian transforms your smartphone into a personal alarm beacon. In the event of an emergency, critical information you elect to share will be provided to ISU Public Safety to enable them to reach you quickly. If you are interested in ISU's **Rave Guardian App** on Android and Apple Phones, our Public Safety officers will stop by any time you request them to assist in setting up, demonstrating, and testing the app.

Please give us a call at 208-282-2515 or 2911 to schedule a presentation or to set up the Rave Guardian App.

Operation Identification

Operation Identification is nationally recognized by law enforcement as a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in the home or business. This program has existed for over 30 years. The Operation ID program allows law enforcement to detect, identify, and return stolen or lost property to its rightful owner.

The Operation ID program involves marking or engraving property with an identifying number and displaying a window decal to discourage burglary and theft.

The ideal identifying number is your state issued Driver's License number which is easily recognized and traced by law enforcement. Avoid using your social security number.

Public Safety has engravers in our Pocatello office located at 625 E Humbolt and the Idaho Falls office located at 1784 Science Center Drive (Bennion Student Union Building).

There are 3 important steps required to participate in Operation ID:

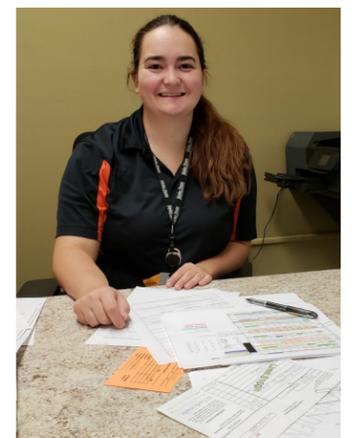
- 1) Mark property or valuables with an identifying mark, preferably your driver's license number with state abbreviation (i.e. ID-AB123456C).
- 2) Inventory your marked property on a form with descriptions including brand, model number and serial number. Keep in a safe place.
- 3) Display Operation ID decal on windows after items 1 and 2 are complete to show participation in the program and discourage burglary.

Public Safety Spot Light—Samantha Jackson, Parking Traffic Supervisor

Samantha Jackson is our Parking Traffic Supervisor. She has many responsibilities which include:

- ◆ Hiring, training and supervising parking office and ticket writing staff;
- ◆ Assigning work, and evaluating her staff;
- ◆ Coordinating changes in parking and traffic regulations and requirements with other departments on campus.

- ◆ Resolving complaints regarding violations of traffic and parking;
- ◆ Directing vehicle impounds to ensure proper legal steps are followed for vehicle custody;
- ◆ Surveying parking lots for over or under-utilization and hazards; and
- ◆ Assisting customers by providing information regarding campus policies.



When Samantha isn't hard at work she likes to go four wheeling and camping.